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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF NATURAL AND OTHER
DISASTERS (AGENDA ITEM 24)

1. PARA 5 THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION NOR-
WEGIANS ARE CIRCULATING AMONG DONORS (US, UK, NETHERLANDS,
DENMARK, SWEDEN) ON SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM, FOR COMMENT AND POSSIBLE
COSPONSORSHIP.

2. USDEL VIEW IS THAT BASIC ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL ARE
APPROPRIATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND, SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S CON-
CURRENCE, WE PLAN TO ASSOCIATE US WITH THIS INITIATIVE.

3. ITEM IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED MONDAY, JULY 18, AND WE
PLAN TO INSCRIBE US TO SPEAK DURING LATTER PART OF THE GENERAL
DEBATE, PROBABLY TUESDAY, JULY 19. IN STATEMENT WE PLAN TO:
A) COMPLIMENT SYG ON REPORT (DOCUMENT A/32/64); B) TOUCH UPON
MEASURES UNDRO HAS TAKEN TO IMPORVE ITS CAPACITY, SUCH AS
CREATION OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTER; C) STRESS THE NEED FOR UNDRO
TO FOCUS ON ITS BASIC FUNCTION OF DEALING WITH COORDINATION OF
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NATURAL DISASTERS, INCLUDING THOSE ASPECTS OF PREPAREDNESS WHICH
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COORDINATION FUNCTION; D) EXPRESS
SATISFACTION WITH UNDRO'S JOINT EFFORT WITH LICORSS TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW OPERATIONS IN DISASTERS MIGHT BE IMPROVED,
AND IN LATTER CONNECTION, E) SUGGEST OR SUPPORT THE IDEA OF
REQUESTING UNDRO TO ANALYZE IN GREATER DETAIL HOW THESE RECOM-
MENDATIONS MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED AND HAVE A REPORT PREPARED TO

THIS EFFECT FOR THE 65 ECOSOC.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS RE FOREGOING AND ALSO WHETHER OR NOT WE MAY EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR TRANSFER TO REGULAR BUDGET OF 34PERCENT OF CORE PROGRAM EXPENSES AS PROPOSED IN DOCUMENT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL IN THE REGARD THAT TRANSFER OF "SUBSTANTIAL PORTION" OF EXPENSES, WHICH STIPULATED IN 31ST GA RESOLUTION, WAS INTERPRETED BY SWEDEN ON BEHALF OF CO-SPONSORS (INCLUDING US) AS BEING IN THE VICINITY OF 50 PERCENT.

5. BEGIN TEXT:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2816 (XXVI) OF 14 DECEMBER 1971,

WHICH ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR - UNDRO - AND WHICH, INTER ALIA, RECOGNISED THE NEED TO ENSURE PROMPT, EFFECTIVE, AND EFFICIENT RESPONSES IN TIMES OF NATURAL AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS THAT WILL BRING TO BEAR THE RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, PROSPECTIVE DONOR COUNTRIES, AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES;

RECALLING FURTHER OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1(A) OF RESOLUTION 2816 (XXVI), WHICH AUTHORIZED THE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH ALL ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED AND TO MAKE ALL FEASIBLE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THE MOST EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE;

RECALLING IN PARTICULAR OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE AFORESAID RESOLUTION, WHICH INVITED RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS, INTER ALIA, TO APPOINT A SINGLE NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR TO FACILITATE THE RECEIPT OF INTERNATIONAL AID IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY, AND TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE RECEIPT OF AID, INCLUDING OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING RIGHTS;

AWARE THAT OBSTACLES AND IMPEDIMENTS TO THE SPEEDY DELIVERY OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE CONTINUE TO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR AND OF THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS, RED CRESCENT AND RED LION AND SUN SOCIETIES AND OTHER RELIEF AGENCIES;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR 1) AND THE ORAL STATEMENT MADE BY THE COORDINATOR TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION 2);

NOTING IN PARTICULAR ANNEX II TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
REPORT CONTAINING
A SURVEY PREPARED JOINTLY BY UNDRO AND THE LEAGUE OF RED
CROSS SOCIETIES OF OBSTACLES AND IMPEDIMENTS
TO THE DELIVERY OF INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND THE MOVEMENT
OF RELIEF PERSONNEL, BASED ON THE ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE OF A
NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES
CONCERNED WITH RELIEF ACTIVITIES;

1) A/32/64

2)

NOTING FURTHER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THIS ANNEX ON
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MEASURES FOR SURMOUNTING SUCH OBSTACLES AND IMPEDIMENTS,
AND THE SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER MEASURES TO EXPEDITE RELIEF
AND THE MOVEMENT OF RELIEF PERSONNEL;

1. COMMENDS THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR
FOR HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS;

2. REQUESTS THE COORDINATOR TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS
AND IN COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND
APPROPRIATE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,
AND PARTICULARLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, TO PAY SPECIAL
ATTENTION THE THE PROMOTION OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO REMOVE
OBSTACLES AND TO EXPEDITE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE;

3. CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES
AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WITH RELIEF
OPERATIONS TO GIVE FAVOURABLE AND POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN ANNEX
II TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR (DOCUMENT A/32/64 DATED 12
MAY 1977) THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE,
ADMINISTRATIVE OR OPERATIONAL MEASURES WHICH MAY REMOVE
OBSTACLES AND EXPEDITE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS
OF DISASTERS;

4. TRANSMITS THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE
WORK OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF
COORDINATOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION.

END TEXT.

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